

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 11, 2015 at 3:15 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 260, 2/3/2015; SB 252, 2/3/2015; SB 250, 2/3/2015

Executive Action:

SB 213 Do Pass
SB 240 Do Pass
SB 255 Do Pass
HB 248 Be Concurred In

HEARING ON SB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 252, Revise K-12 funding laws related to oil and natural gas production taxes.

[EXHIBIT\(eds31a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:17 E.J. Redding, Bainville Public Schools

Sen. Moe left the hearing.

Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.

00:06:22 Daniel Farr, Sidney Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(eds31a02\)](#)

00:11:02 Jim Hansen, superintendent, Broadus Public Schools

00:12:20 Tony Holecek, superintendent, Westby School District (WSD)

[EXHIBIT\(eds31a03\)](#)

00:15:18 Casey Klasna, superintendent, Terry Public Schools

00:16:27 Jule Walker, superintendent, Plevna Schools

00:17:23 Larry Crowder, superintendent, Culbertson Public Schools

00:18:19 Sandy Welch, representing rural schools in northeast Montana

00:18:46 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:19:07 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:19:29 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:19:49 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:20:24 Madalyn Quinlan, chief of staff, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:51 Sen. Facey

00:21:22 Sen. Jones

00:22:06 Chairman Brown

00:22:41 Sen. Jones

00:23:35 Chairman Brown

00:24:03 Sen. Jones

00:24:36 Sen. Facey

00:25:10 Mr. Holecek, WSD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:00 Sen. Jones

HEARING ON SB 260

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:39 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 260, Revise education funding laws related to oil and gas production taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:14 Daniel Farr, Sidney Public Schools

00:35:24 Tony Holecek, superintendent and principal, Westby School District

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds31a04)

00:38:01 Jule Walker, superintendent, Plevna Public Schools

00:38:42 Larry Crowder, superintendent, Culbertson Public Schools

00:40:30 Casey Klasna, superintendent, Terry Public Schools

00:41:01 Sandy Welch, representing rural schools in northeast Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds31a05)

00:41:58 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:44:44 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:45:02 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:45:11 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

00:45:34 Diane Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Association

00:45:57 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials

00:46:09 E.J. Redding, Bainville Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:46:37 Madalyn Quinlan, chief of staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:39 Sen. Jones

00:49:21 Ms. Quinlan, OPI

00:50:36 Sen. Facey

00:51:18 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

00:52:55 Sen. Facey

00:53:20 Mr. Melton

00:53:27 Chairman Brown

00:53:37 Mr. Melton

00:54:21 Chairman Brown

00:54:36 Ms. Quinlan

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds31a06)

00:55:27 Chairman Brown
00:55:45 Ms. Quinlan
00:56:42 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:14 Sen. Moore

HEARING ON SB 250

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:14 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 250, Expand school transportation funding for academic summer school.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:37 Ron Whitmoyer, superintendent, East Helena School District (EHSD)
01:03:12 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:04:55 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana
01:05:35 Scott Walter, school board chairman, East Helena School District

01:07:00 Chairman Brown turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Blasdel.

01:07:14 Ken Morrison, representing Northeast Montana rural schools
01:07:29 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials
01:07:50 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:08:03 Kevin Nelson, Billings
[EXHIBIT\(eds31a07\)](#)

01:08:14 Chairman Brown resumed the role as Chair.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:01 Chairman Brown
01:12:13 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division
01:12:20 Chairman Brown
01:13:15 Mr. Whitmoyer, EHSD
01:14:11 Sen. Facey
01:14:43 Mr. Whitmoyer
01:15:11 Sen. Facey
01:15:19 Mr. Whitmoyer
01:15:24 Sen. Arntzen
01:15:42 Mr. Whitmoyer
01:16:19 Sen. Arntzen

01:17:23 Mr. York, OPI
01:18:16 Ms. Quinlan, OPI
01:18:40 Sen. Facey
01:19:09 Ms. Quinlan
01:19:20 Sen. Facey
01:19:51 Ms. Quinlan
01:20:18 Sen. Facey
01:20:40 Ms. Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:55 Sen. Cohenour

Committee Business:

01:22:13 Chairman Brown
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds31a08) (refers to SB 106)

Sen. Hansen entered the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 213

01:23:55 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 213 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:24:20 Sen. Facey
01:24:43 Sen. Jones

01:25:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Moe voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 240

01:25:50 Chairman Brown

01:25:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 240 DO PASS.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Moe voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 255

01:26:40 Chairman Brown

01:26:46 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 255 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:26:57 Chairman Brown
01:27:19 Sen. Arntzen
01:27:32 Chairman Brown

01:28:46 Sen. Cohenour
01:29:11 Sen. Hansen
01:29:24 Chairman Brown
01:30:10 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:31:31 Chairman Brown
01:32:05 Mr. York, OPI
01:32:31 Chairman Brown
01:32:40 Sen. Cohenour
01:33:06 Chairman Brown
01:33:27 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:33:58 Chairman Brown
01:34:05 Sen. Arntzen
01:34:33 Chairman Brown
01:34:38 Sen. Arntzen
01:35:03 Chairman Brown
01:35:22 Sen. Jones
01:36:00 Chairman Brown
01:36:04 Sen. Cohenour
01:36:56 Chairman Brown

01:37:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Moe voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

01:37:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 248 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Keenan was excused. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:55 P.M.

Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds31aad.pdf](#))